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**Michael Goncalves of Brockton is charged in October 2006  
shooting murder of Shaian Colon**

**BROCKTON, MA-** Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz and Brockton Police Chief William Conlon today announced that Michael Goncalves, age 25 of Brockton has been charged in a multi-count complaint, stemming from the October 11, 2006 shooting of Shaian Colon, age 16, and Rosando Marcelino, age 19, both of Brockton. Colon was shot in the neck and head and died from his injuries on October 12, 2006 at the Boston Medical Center. Marcelino was shot in the chest and abdomen; he survived the shooting, but is paralyzed from the waist down as a result of his injuries.

The warrant against Michael Goncalves for Murder and related charges follows a lengthy investigation conducted by the Plymouth County State Police Detectives Unit, the Brockton Police Department and the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office. The investigation gained momentum in recent months through new information received from several civilian witnesses. In the course of the investigation, witnesses have come forward to provide eyewitness statements indentifying Michael Goncalves as the shooter.

Investigators determined through witness statements and crime scene investigation that victims Marcelino and Colon had been sitting in the driver and front passenger seats of a van parked in the driveway at 249 Green Street. At approximately 1 AM on October 11, 2006 the vehicle was approached by a single gunman, who approached from the passenger side of the vehicle, pointed a handgun into the front passenger side window where Colon was seated, and then opened fire.

Six 9 mm shell casings were recovered from the area in and around the van where the victims were shot. A State Police Ballistician later determined that they had all been fired from the same weapon, consistent with witness accounts of a single gunman.

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A third passenger in the van, Nelson Correia, was seated in the back seat at the time of the shooting, and was not injured.

The investigation revealed that the shooting was motivated by an ongoing dispute between rival groups in Brockton. Six days prior to the shootings of Colon and Marcelino, on October 5, 2006 Jermaine Gonsalves, a relative of Michael Goncalves had been shot on Vine Street in Brockton by Admilson Darosa. Darosa later pled guilty and is currently serving a six to eight year prison sentence for Armed Assault with Intent to Murder and other charges. One witness in the Colon homicide investigation described to police that Goncalves was angry about the shooting of his cousin a week earlier.

This is the second recent murder charge to issue against Michael Goncalves. Michael Goncalves is already in custody at the Plymouth County House of Correction, where he has been held without bail since his arrest in mid-October for the February 2010 shooting murder of Manuel Rodrigues, who was a witness in a pending murder case against Michael Barros, a known friend and associate of Goncalves.

On the afternoon of January 3, 2010 the Massachusetts State Police applied for and received an arrest warrant for Michael Goncalves for the shootings of Colon and Marcelino. Goncalves will be transported to the Brockton District Court on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 for arraignment on the new charges.

Plymouth County D.A. Timothy Cruz commended the efforts of the Brockton and State Police investigators, and the prosecutors from his office who have worked on the investigation over the last four years. ***“Even after four years, the investigators kept working. They kept fighting to find those who were responsible and to hold them accountable for this violent crime. These recent developments mark the first steps toward that goal. This arrest shows that our system of criminal justice can succeed even in the face of brazen and senseless violence,”*** Cruz stated.

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